

Claims:

1. (currently amended "B") Handheld apparatus for propelling particulate matter, the apparatus comprising:

a mixing chamber having a sidewall, a gas receiving port at a first end of the chamber and a discharge end wall at an opposite end of the chamber and designed to be handheld;

~~a means for a~~ gas delivery conduit, whereby the gas delivery conduit would be disposed within the chamber and extend into the mixing chamber;

a discharge port in the discharge end wall;

a discharge conduit disposed within the chamber and extending in fluid communication from the discharge port towards the gas receiving port and whereby the gas delivery conduit and the discharge conduit overlap; and

~~a means for~~ an elongated particle-directing tube disposed external to the chamber, a proximal end of the particle-directing tube in fluid communication with the discharge port. +

~~wherein the mixing chamber is of a designed size and shape well suited of being held within a user's hand.~~

2. (original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the size and shape of the mixing chamber resembles that of a syringe.

3. (cancelled "B") The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the apparatus further comprises an elongated particle directing tube, the elongated particle-directing tube being in fluid communication with the discharge conduit.

4. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 1 ~~Claim 3~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is a continuation of the discharge conduit.

5. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 1 ~~Claim 3~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is at least one of capable of being bent and pre-bent.

6. (original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the apparatus further comprises a color-coding to identify the particulate matter.

7. (original) The apparatus of Claim 1, the apparatus further comprising at least one of a gas delivery port cap and a discharge end cap.

8. (original) The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the apparatus further comprising a color-coding to identify the particulate matter.

9. (original) The apparatus of Claim 2, the apparatus further comprising an attachment area located proximate the gas receiving port to the apparatus, whereby the attachment area provides a means to couple the apparatus to an air supply source.

10. (currently amended "B") Handheld apparatus for propelling particulate matter, the apparatus comprising:

a mixing chamber having a sidewall, a gas receiving port at a first end of the chamber and a discharge end wall at an opposite end of the chamber, a coupling member for coupling the mixing chamber to a gas supply source tube, and designed to be handheld;

a gas delivery conduit, whereby the gas delivery conduit is disposed within the chamber and extends into the mixing chamber;
a discharge port in the discharge end wall;

a discharge conduit disposed within the chamber and extending in fluid communication from the discharge port towards the gas receiving port and whereby the gas delivery conduit and the discharge conduit overlap; and

~~a means for~~ an elongated particle-directing tube disposed external to the chamber, a proximal end of the particle-directing tube in fluid communication with the discharge port. +

~~wherein the mixing chamber is of a designed size and shape well suited of being held within a user's hand.~~

11. (previously amended "A") The apparatus of Claim 10, whereby the gas delivery port is positioned off-center with respects to the center of the mixing chamber.

12. (original) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the size and shape of the mixing chamber resembles that of a syringe.

13. (cancelled "B") The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the apparatus further comprises an elongated particle directing tube, the elongated particle-directing tube being in fluid communication with the discharge conduit.

14. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 10 ~~Claim 13~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is a continuation of the discharge conduit.

15. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 10 ~~Claim 13~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is at least one of capable of being bent and pre-bent.

16. (original) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the apparatus further comprises a color-coding to identify the particulate matter.

17. (original) The apparatus of Claim 10, the apparatus further comprising at least one of a gas delivery port cap and a discharge end cap.

18. (original) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the apparatus further comprising a color-coding to identify the particulate matter.

19. (original) The apparatus of Claim 12, the apparatus further comprising an attachment area located proximate the gas receiving port to the apparatus, whereby the attachment area provides a means to couple the apparatus to an air supply source.

20. (currently amended "B") Handheld apparatus for propelling particulate matter, the apparatus comprising:

a mixing chamber having a sidewall, a gas receiving port at a first end of the chamber and a discharge end wall at an opposite end of the chamber and designed to be handheld;

~~a gas delivery conduit, whereby the gas delivery conduit is disposed within the chamber and extends into the mixing chamber;~~

a discharge port in the discharge end wall;

a discharge conduit disposed within the chamber and extending in fluid communication from the discharge port towards the gas receiving port;

~~a means for~~ an elongated particle-directing tube disposed external to the chamber, a proximal end of the particle-directing tube in fluid communication with the discharge port; and

a self sealing mechanism, wherein the self sealing mechanism opens to allow a gas stream to flow into the handheld mixing chamber to provide airflow when exposed to a gas stream, and the self sealing mechanism seals and seal when not exposed to the gas stream airflow, whereby the self sealing mechanism is located between the gas receiving port and the mixing chamber.†

~~wherein the mixing chamber is of a designed size and shape well suited of being held within a user's hand.~~

21. (original) The apparatus of Claim 20, wherein the self-sealing mechanism is of a molded flexible material.

22. (original) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the self-sealing mechanism is of a hemispherical geometry.

23. (original) The apparatus of Claim 22, the self-sealing mechanism further comprising at least one slit.

24. (original) The apparatus of Claim 21, the self-sealing mechanism further comprising at least one slit.

25. (original) The apparatus of Claim 20, wherein the size and shape of the mixing chamber resembles that of a syringe.

26. (cancelled "B") The apparatus of Claim 20, wherein the apparatus further comprises an elongated particle directing tube, the elongated particle-directing tube being in fluid communication with the discharge conduit.

27. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 20 ~~Claim 26~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is a continuation of the discharge conduit.

28. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 20 ~~Claim 26~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is at least one of capable of being bent and pre-bent.

29. (currently amended "B") Handheld apparatus for propelling particulate matter, the apparatus comprising:

a mixing chamber having a sidewall, a gas receiving port at a first end of the chamber and a discharge end wall at an opposite end of the chamber and designed to be handheld;

a gas delivery conduit, whereby the gas delivery conduit is disposed within the chamber and extends into the mixing chamber;

a discharge port in the discharge end wall;

a discharge conduit disposed within the chamber and extending in fluid communication from the discharge port towards the gas receiving port and whereby the gas delivery conduit and the discharge conduit overlap;

~~a means for~~ an elongated particle-directing tube disposed external to the chamber, a proximal end of the particle-directing tube in fluid communication with the discharge port;

particulate matter; and

a means to temporarily containing particulate matter within the mixing chamber. +

~~wherein the mixing chamber is of a designed size and shape well suited of being held within a user's hand.~~

30. (previously amended "A") The apparatus of Claim 29, whereby the gas delivery port is positioned off-center with respects to the center of the mixing chamber.

31. (original) The apparatus of Claim 29, wherein the size and shape of the mixing chamber resembles that of a syringe.

32. (cancelled "B") The apparatus of Claim 29, wherein the apparatus further comprises an elongated particle directing tube, the elongated particle-directing tube being in fluid communication with the discharge conduit.

33. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 29 ~~Claim 32~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is a continuation of the discharge conduit.

34. (currently amended "B") The apparatus of Claim 29 ~~Claim 32~~, wherein the elongated particle directing tube is at least one of capable of being bent and pre-bent.

35. (original) The apparatus of Claim 29, wherein the apparatus further comprises a color-coding to identify the particulate matter.

36. (original) The apparatus of Claim 29, wherein the means for temporarily containing the particulate matter is of at least one of a gas delivery port cap and a discharge end cap.

37. (original) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the apparatus further comprising a color-coding to identify the particulate matter.

38. (original) The apparatus of Claim 31, the apparatus further comprising an attachment area located proximate the gas receiving port to the apparatus, whereby the attachment area provides a means to couple the apparatus to an air supply source.

39. (Added "B") The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the mixing chamber is sufficiently sealed making the apparatus generally disposable .

40. (Added "B") The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the mixing chamber is sufficiently sealed making the apparatus generally disposable .

41. (Added "B") The apparatus of Claim 20, wherein the mixing chamber is sufficiently sealed making the apparatus generally disposable .

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41. (Added "B") The apparatus of Claim 29, wherein the mixing chamber is sufficiently sealed making the apparatus generally disposable .
